

1975 - CENTENARY YEAR

FIXTURE LIST

JUVENILES AND JUNIORS

Competitions will be arranged throughout the season.

NOTES

Competitions will as far as possible be played in pairs. Draw will be made when six players are available.

All Match Play Competitions to be played by dates indicated on Draw Chart for each round or defaulters must scratch from competition. Monthly Medal Competition to be continued throughout the Winter. To be played on the first Saturday or Sunday of each month from October to March inclusive.

Score Cards to be dated, signed by partner and deposited in Box in Club House for collection by Competitions Secretary.

There will be a 10p Entry Fee for each Competition.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

GENTLEMEN—£8. LADIES—£5.
JUNIORS (17-18)—£2
JUVENILES (up to 16)—£1.

Daily Tickets:

Adults—50p; Juniors—20p; Juveniles—10p.
Locker Rents—15p.

Members must pay their Subscriptions to the Treasurer before 31st May.

Subscriptions paid after 31st May will be subject to a levy of 50p.

Annual General Meeting—30th January, 1976.

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COMPETITIONS

Competitors wishing to obtain a Handicap must hand in to the Competition Secretary two Score Cards certified by a Club Member. For Ladies' Handicap—two Score Cards certified by an L.G.U. Member.

Scores in all Competitions must be returned to the Competitions Secretary.

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MUIR OF ORD GOLF CLUB

(Instituted 1675)

CENTENARY YEAR

Patron:

The Rt. Hon. The LORD LOVAT, DSO., MC

President:

T. H. BURNS, Dingwall.

Captain:

D. H. HENDERSON, Teandalloch.

Vice-Captain:

D. MUNRO, Conon Bridge.

Hon. Treasurer:

L. McROBB, Royal Bank, Muir of Ord.
Telephone 251.

Hon. Secretary:

C. M. McMANUS, Conon Bridge.
Telephone 294.

Competitions Secretary:

G. PEAT, Conon Bridge.
Telephone 278.

Greens Committee:

W. Watson (Convener), S. Mackintosh,
A. Mackay, K. MacGruer.

Committee:

G. D. Finlayson, R. Christine, J. Ross,
T. Fraser, F. Gray, N. McKay, W. Logan,
A. MacEwan, G. Sutherland, M. D. Mac-
Iver, R. Peacock, Mrs A. Marshall, Miss
C. Cameron.

FIXTURES FOR SEASON 1975

Men's Meetings

March—

Tuesday, 25th—Opening Night. Mixed Foursomes. 9 Holes. 6 p.m.

April—

Saturday, 5th—Monthly Medal.

Thursday, 10th—Paterson Jubilee Cup—1st Round—5.45 p.m.

Saturday, 12th—Entries close for Two-Ball Foursomes.

Thursday, 17th—Two-Ball Foursomes—1st Round—6 p.m.

Saturday, 19th—Entries close for Logan Cup (Match Play Competition).

Saturday, 19th—W. Gray Competition.

Thursday, 24th—Logan Cup—1st Round (Match Play)—6 p.m.

May—

Thursday, 1st—Monthly Medal (including R.N.L.I. Competition).

Tuesday, 6th—Tuach Cup (Bogey)—6 p.m.

Thursday, 8th—Inter-Club. Invergordon at Muir of Ord.

Saturday, 10th—Entries close for President's Prize.

Thursday, 15th—President's Prize—1st Round—6 p.m.

Thursday, 22nd—Inter-Club. Ainess at Ainess.

Saturday, 24th—Paterson Jubilee Cup—2nd Round (including Ford Amateur Competition).

Tuesday, 27th—McVitie & Price Cup—1st Round—Mixed Foursomes—6.30 p.m.

June—

Tuesday, 3rd—Paterson Jubilee Cup—3rd Round—6.15 p.m.

Thursday, 5th—Monthly Medal.

Saturday, 7th—County Championships at Muir of Ord.

Tuesday, 10th—Alex Olsen Trophy—6.15 p.m.

Thursday, 12th—Inter-Club. Fortrose at Muir of Ord.

Saturday, 14th—Strathpeffer Open Tournament

Monday, 16th—Club Championship Qualifying Round—6.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 18th—Club Championship. Qualifying Round—6.15 p.m.

Thursday, 19th—Club Championships. Semi-finals.

Friday, 20th—Club Championships—Finals.

Saturday, 21st—Invergordon Tournament.

Tuesday, 24th—Greensomes Competition (Medal)—6.15 p.m.

Thursday, 26th—Lovat Cup—Medal—6.15 p.m.

Saturday, 28th—Invergordon Open Tournament.

Sunday, 29th—Inter-Club. Tain at Tain.

July—

Tuesday, 1st—Forbes Cup. Mixed Foursomes.—6.30 p.m.

Saturday, 5th—Muir of Ord Open Tournament

Tuesday, 8th—Monthly Medal (Greenkeeper's Benefit)—6.15 p.m.

Thursday, 10th—Captain's Prize—6.15 p.m.

Tuesday, 15th—W. Burns Competition. Medal.

Thursday, 17th—Inter-Club. Strathpeffer at Muir of Ord.

Saturday, 19th—Black Isle Open Tournament.

Saturday, 26th—Community Association Shield Tournament.

Tuesday, 29th—Flag Competition—6 p.m.

August—

Thursday, 7th—Hidden Hole Competition—6 p.m.

Thursday, 14th—Fairmile Cup (Stableford Competition)—5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, 19th—Club Tankard (Medal)—5.45 p.m.

Thursday, 21st—Monthly Medal—6 p.m.

September—

Saturday, 6th—W. F. Gilbert Shield (Medal).

Saturday, 13th—Monthly Medal.

Ladies' Meetings

March—

Tuesday, 25th—Opening Night. Mixed Foursomes—6 p.m.

Every Monday—Competition Night—6.15 p.m.

April—

Monday, 7th—Monthly Medal—6.15 p.m.

Monday, 14th—Hidden Hole Competition—6.15 p.m.

May—

Monday, 5th—Monthly Medal—6.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 7th—Mrs Mackenzie of Ord Rose Bowl—6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 14th—One Club Competition—6.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 27th—McVitie & Price Cup — 1st Round—6.30 p.m.

June—

Monday, 2nd—Monthly Medal (Greenkeeper's Benefit)—6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 4th—Captain's Prize—6.30 p.m.

Monday, 9th—Club Championship—Qualifying Round—6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 11th—Club Championship—Qualifying Round—6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 25th—Lady Stirling of Fairburn Trophy—6.30 p.m.

July—

Monday, 7th—Monthly Medal—6.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 8th—Forbes Cup (Mixed Foursomes)—6.30 p.m.

August—

Monday, 4th—Monthly Medal—6.30 p.m.

September—

Monday, 1st—Monthly Medal—5.45 p.m.

the marquee and clubhouse will be open for accepting any gifts of baking, bottles, brushes or brooms to "Pipe-off" time – 2.30pm on Saturday.

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MUIR OF ORD'S CLUBHOUSE OPENED

Residents of Muir of Ord and friends from the surrounding district turned out in force on Saturday afternoon for the opening of the new golf clubhouse, one of the main centenary celebrations of the club. Lord Lovat, patron of the club for many years, performed the ceremony and was, in turn, presented with an engraved tankard by the club to commemorate the occasion. The weather was blustery with intermittent showers of rain but that in no way dampened the proceedings which were part of a week of fund-raising events. Although no final figure has been calculated, it is thought that a sum in the region of £2,500 was gathered during the week which will go towards the £10,000 due by the club for their share of the building costs, the remainder of which has been provided by grants from various official sources.

"QUEEN" CROWNED

Before the opening ceremony, Lord Lovat crowned 16 year old Karen Murray of Evanton as "Golf Queen". Her attendants were Maureen McAteer, Muir of Ord, and Rosemary McBeath, Maryburgh, the girls having been chosen from 60 competitors from Strathpeffer, Evanton, Dingwall, Beauly, Fortrose and Inverness. In declaring the clubhouse open, Lord Lovat referred to the history of Muir of Ord golf course, which was something to be proud of, for it was one of the oldest in the North of Scotland and he concluded by congratulating all those who gave such an outstanding performance that afternoon.

The fancy dress parade through the village was well patronised, with numerous decorated lorries being led by the Dingwall Royal British Legion Pipe Band. Vintage cars were on display during the afternoon. Mr David Henderson, club captain, paid tribute to the work of Mr G.D. (Dod) Finlayson, a popular club member, who convened the centenary arrangements, and did a power of work, to ensure the success of the project.

MARQUEE'S GALE DAMAGE

Early on Saturday morning the large marquee which had been erected for the dance had to be taken down as the blustery winds broke one of the main poles. Because of that, the dance was held in the Village Hall. As well as a comfortable lounge, the new clubhouse has a kitchen for functions, and changing rooms with showers. Water was laid on to the greens earlier this year

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CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS AT MUIR OF ORD

ALL LAST WEEK, the village of Muir of Ord was enclosed fete as the local Golf Club celebrated its 100th birthday, and marked the occasion royally at the end of the week with the official opening of their new clubhouse by their Patron, Lord Lovat.

Long before the official opening time of 3 p.m., crowds were gathering in the village; the sun was shining after a night of gale and rain; and the atmosphere was one of colour and carnival as gaily-decorated floats and fancy dress entrants assembled at the Village Hall prior to the march to the golf course preceded by the Dingwall Royal British Legion Pipe Band, and a cavalcade of vintage and veteran cars and two "Victorian" cyclists. The Golf Queen Miss Karen Murray, Evanton, and her attendants arrived in style in Mr Peter Combe's veteran Morris.

There was an excellent display of floats, quite the best seen anywhere this season, and many of the tableaux, as might be expected, had a centenary slant.

To mark the centenary members of the Club council felt that a programme of development should be undertaken. Earlier this year they installed a watering system covering the 18 greens, and on Saturday the new clubhouse came into use.

It was constructed in 100 days by G. R. Stuart Construction Ltd., Inverness, and comprises a comfortable lounge, kitchen, committee room and locker rooms.

Contributions to the cost were made by the Highlands and Islands Development Board, £5,000; the Highland Regional Council and Ross and Cromarty District Council, £2,500 each; and the Club members themselves are raising £10,000 towards a total of £21,000, allowing for furnishings.

Mr D.H. Henderson, the Club Captain, presided at the opening ceremony, and welcomed the gathering to what he described as a unique occasion in the history of the Club. They had come to the end of a week of festivity in the village, and the opening of the new clubhouse was the successful outcome of the activities of a large number of people, too numerous to mention individually, but one he would like to mention- specially was "Dod" (Mr George Finlayson). He had been the anchor-man in the whole project, and during this week in particular.

The Club was indebted to various bodies who had assisted them financially - the Highlands and Islands Development Board, the Highland Regional Council, and the Ross and Cromarty District Council. Their help had been greatly appreciated.

The contractor had been G. R. Stuart Construction, Inverness, whose local agent was Mr Charlie Bullough. They had been given 100 days in which to complete the job and they had done the work on time. The Club was grateful to the Lovat Estate and the Department of Agriculture, who had kindly given them the necessary lease for the work to be carried out. For many years Lord Lovat had been the Club's patron and they were delighted he was able to be with them for this special occasion, to crown their Golf Queen and open the new Clubhouse. Mr Henderson then handed the proceedings over to His Lordship.

In crowning the Queen, Miss Karen Murray, Lord Lovat said she must be the most beautiful young lady in the area, for she had been chosen from 60 of the prettiest girls from Tain, Strathpeffer, Invergordon, Dingwall, Fortrose, Beaulie and right on to Inverness.

Referring to the Club, His Lordship said it must be the oldest in the North of Scotland; there were 300 members; and it took a great deal of interest in young players, who received special coaching and had their own competitions. As a result of members' efforts he hoped they would produce one or two internationalists in the foreseeable future.

He congratulated all, who had been connected in raising funds for the building of the clubhouse, and taking a personal interest in the project.

His Lordship proceeded to crown the Golf Queen, who with her attendants - Miss Maureen MacAteer, Muir of Ord, and Miss Rosemary Macbeath, Maryburgh - were, presented with

bouquets of flowers by Mrs Marshall, captain of the ladies section, Miss Murray then presented Lord Lovat with a handsomely engraved glass tankard to mark the occasion.

Mr Henderson introduced Mr Tommy Burns, Dingwall, the Clubs president, who was a regular player over the course every Saturday.

Mr Burns said it was his privilege to thank Lord Lovat for carrying out his duties. His presence at the gathering was symbolic of the relationship existing over the past 100 years between the Lovat Estate and the Golf Club. Mr Burns said he was right in saying Lord Lovat's grandfather inspired the construction of the course and helped the Club through the first pretty shocking twenty years. He also felt he was safe in saying Lord Lovat's father and himself were largely responsible for getting the extra nine holes on the other side of the railway between the Wars. The connection between the Club and Estate had been cordial and he hoped the hundred years which had passed would be followed by several hundred years of the same relationship. Mr Burns thanked the adventurous members of the committee, who had raised the finances to put water to every green, and build this magnificent clubhouse.

Messages of good wishes from the Ross-shire Golf Association, Fortrose and Rosemarkie Golf Club, and Strathpeffer Spa Club were read by Mr Henderson.

But for a few spots of rain during the opening ceremony, the weather remained fair for the remainder of the afternoon, and the various activities in the environs of the clubhouse were enthusiastically patronised by the huge gathering of people.

Mr G. D. Finlayson, Centenary convener: writes :- "May I, on behalf of the members of the council of Muir of Ord Golf Club, express our most sincere and grateful thanks to all those who helped to make our Centenary Celebrations such an outstanding 'success. The most magnificent sum of approximately £2,500 was raised towards the cost of our new Clubhouse. "It is quite impossible to mention the names of firms and individuals, who gave such tremendous help in varying forms, but we would like to say that without your assistance this venture would not have been possible.

"Finally, I would-like to thank the truly wonderful public not only of our homely village of Muir of Ord and the surrounding district but a wider sphere of people, who supported so many of the week's events and which helped to make our Centenary Year a memorable, joyous and pleasurable, occasion. Thank you again."

(Pictures below courtesy of George T. Sutherland extracted from his video)

New Club-house and Marquee blown down



Lord Lovat's Speech and the Newly crowned Golf Queen



Golf Queen and Victorian Bike



Vintage Cars

